

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 6, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Alder Beer called the meeting to order. Members present at roll call were Alders Beer and Miller. Alternate Alder Marsh, Public Works Director Gerber, Police Chief Kelley, City Administrator Rath and Bridget Cooke from The Monroe Times were also present. Alder Bauman was absent.

B. CORRECTION OF MINUTES

None

C. ANY APPEARANCES FROM THE PUBLIC

None

D. BUSINESS PRESENTED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. CREATE TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONE ON 10 ½ STREET

Public Works Director Gerber explained that in preparation for the 8th Street project they are wanting to create a temporary no parking zone on 10 ½ Street. He said this street is already busy and with the construction they expect it will be even busier. Alder Marsh made a motion to create a temporary no parking zone on 10 ½ Street. Alder Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on voice vote.

The Committee asked if temporary no parking zones would be needed on other streets in that area. Police Chief Kelley said not at this time. They will address others as they arise.

2. DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASES

Police Chief Kelley said the capital budget for this year included four new vehicles. He got bids from the State Bid along with local dealers. Dearth could match the price of the vehicle but could not give as high of a trade in as State Bid could. The cost of the four new Dodge Chargers is \$25,752.00. The average trade for each of the four 2015 Dodge Chargers is \$13,500.00 making the cost of each new vehicles with trade \$12,252.00. He said the committee will be seeing this at a Council meeting.

Discussion took place.

3. DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Kelly presented the 2016 Annual Report for the Police Department. Some of the topics he spoke on were:

- He said due to the outcome of the 2015 staffing study one dispatcher has been added.
- He said the public can now sign up on the Police Department website to receive press releases automatically by email.
- Mental health transports to Oshkosh are costly and require two officers.
- Special events require the use of over time.
- The department operating budget has had a 0% increase since 2000.

- They continue to enforce parking.
- There has been an increase in property crimes and crimes against persons.
- There were no homicides in 2016.
- Drug offenses decreased from 2015.
- The use of heroin is up. It is not purchased locally. Rockford, Freeport and Madison are source cities.
- Trends show an increase in opiate abuse and sales.
- Vandalism and disorderly conduct are both up.
- Alcohol is the number one drug of abuse and marijuana is the number one controlled substance abused.
- Fraud and forgery are up, including I.D. theft.
- He briefly explained the new Green County Drug Court.
- He gave an overview of the districts and how they are divided up.
- Major cases handled by detectives were discussed.
- This year they are going to focus on more contact with the public; they will do this by continuing foot patrol and bike patrol.
- Space is needed especially for the vehicles.

Questions and discussion took place.

E. BUSINESS BY MEMBERS

None

F. ADJOURNMENT

Alder Miller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alder Marsh. The motion carried on voice vote.

Nicole M. Cummings, Deputy Clerk